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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jürgen HEESEMANN  
Title: PROCESSING MACHINE AND  
FLOATING-BEARING  
ARRANGEMENT FOR IT  
Appl. No.: 10/724,079  
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Examiner: Hadi SHAKERI  
Art Unit: 3723  
Confirmation Number: 1670

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 04, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1, 2 and 5-8, drawn to the processing machine, for examination, with traverse.

Applicants traverse this restriction. The inventions of the Group I and Group II claims are related where the only significant difference is that in the Group I claims the bearings are incorporated into a processing machine. Further, examination of both sets of claims would not place an undue burden on the Examiner.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to pursue the non-elected claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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